FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. \$853

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Candidates for Elected Office Drug Testing Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 7-1-90 so as to require drug testing of a candidate for an elected office.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

According to the State Election Commission, in any two-year election cycle there are approximately 2,000 candidates who file to run in various public elections conducted throughout the State. Using this number, the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) estimates an annual cost of \$100,000 with one new position funded by a fee of \$100 from each candidate. Therefore, this would be a program funded with Other funds revenue. Of this amount, approximately \$70,000 is for the collection/testing/medical review of each sample at \$35 based on state contract.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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